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**ARBORTECH AS160 BRICK AND MORTAR SAW  
WINS PRESTIGIOUS NOVA AWARD**  
“Innovation for a better world”

**Leominster, MA, November 12<sup>th</sup> 2008:** Arbortech are proud to announce that the AS160 Brick and Mortar Saw has been awarded a prestigious 2008 NOVA Award by the Construction Innovation Forum (CIF).

Formed in 1987, the CIF is an international, non-profit organization whose goal is to foster and encourage innovation that improves quality and reduces cost of construction. Nominations are invited from all parts of industry, from all over the world.

Nominees undergo a rigorous investigation process by an International Jury of respected industry professionals and Jury members carefully consider the merit of the entry based on strict selection criteria. Nominees must show that they “improve quality, reduce cost, and promote good, acceptable, construction practices”.

The AS160 was selected from a field of 35 nominations as a recipient of the Award, which was presented at a Gala dinner in Palm Springs California on Tuesday November 11<sup>th</sup>.

The AS160 Brick and Mortar Saw represents a revolution in cutting technology through its unique orbital motion. It's two forward facing blades combine to perform both a hammering and cutting action. Rather than creating dust, this cutting action creates larger particles, which simply fall away from the tool meaning better visibility and safety for the user.

After the Awards, Arbortech's Commercial Director said "Honour, very pleased etc".

The AS160 offers extreme levels of precision, accuracy and control, with the added ability to cut square and deep without the need for lubrication. Currently, the AS160 Brick and Mortar saw is used across a wide range of applications from heritage masonry work, to electrical installations. With a cutting depth of 120mm, the AS160 is the only hand held saw of its type on the market.

## **ABOUT ARBORTECH**

**Arbortech** is an Australian company engaged in the research, development and manufacturing of innovative technologies. **Arbortech** was incorporated in 1988 with the release of the Woodcarver™ Blade, a revolutionary product that allows the user to powerfully shape wood using free-hand techniques.

Primarily known for its cutting technologies as featured in the Award-winning AS160, **Arbortech** also gained international recognition for its development of the Airboard™, a unique personal hovercraft that featured in the Sydney 2000 Olympics Opening Ceremony. Since its first product release, **Arbortech** has positioned itself in international markets as a progressive company delivering unique woodworking and masonry cutting power tools. Arbortech has gained an international reputation for an innovative approach, engineering excellence and cutting-edge technologies in already well-established industries. With the new North American office, located in Massachusetts, Arbortech is responding to the growing demand for its products in North America and will be able to further improve the support to its valued dealers and customers.